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Application of: Santoro et al.

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For: METHODS OF TREATING
INFLAMMATORY AND VIRAL
DISORDERS BY ADMINISTERING
CYCLOPENTENONE COMPOUNDS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit herewith: (1) Exhibit A, a copy of the pending claims; (2) a Petition For Extension Of Time to extend the period of response from June 26, 2002 to July 26, 2002, accompanied by provision for the required fee; and (3) an Amendment Fee Transmittal, accompanied by a provision for the required claim fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 12-17, and 22-33, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 34-57 as follows:

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34. (New) A method of inducing cytoprotective responses in a human, comprising administering to a human in which such treatment is desired a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having a cyclopentenone ring structure which compound induces the expression of one or more heat shock proteins, wherein the compound is not PGD₂, 9-deoxy- Δ^9, Δ^{12} -13,14-dihydro-PGD₂ (Δ^{12} -PGJ₂), PGA₂, 15-deoxy-13,14-dihydroprostaglandin J₂,

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